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JOB IN MINING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create additional jobs in the mining sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof, mine-wise and State-wise;

(c) the time by when the new jobs are likely to be created;

(d) whether some differences have arisen on the utilization of iron ore between steel and mining sectors;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to resolve the differences between them?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS AND MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) to (c): The Government has enunciated the new National Mineral Policy, 2008. The new Policy envisages streamlining and simplifying the procedures in grant of mineral concessions in order to attract investment into mining sector stimulating growth in the sector. This is likely to generate additional job opportunities in mining sector. No time frame can be assessed at this moment.

(d) to (f): There were some differences on the issue of export of iron ore and allocation of captive mines to steel makers, which have been considered and appropriately addressed by the Government before the enunciation of the National Mineral Policy, 2008.